

ORDER NO. 1911

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman; and
Mark Acton

Market Dominant Product Prices
Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements
with Foreign Postal Operators
Hongkong – United States Postal Service
Bilateral Agreement (MC2010-35)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. R2013-3

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued December 18, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire January 31, 2014.¹ The Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement.²

¹ Order No. 1875, Order Approving Amendment to Existing Agreement, November 8, 2013. See also Order No. 1597, Order Approving an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with Hongkong Post), December 28, 2012.

² See United States Postal Service Motion for Temporary Relief Concerning an Inbound Market Dominant Bilateral Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with Hongkong Post), December 17, 2013 (Motion).

The Postal Service states that its intent was to file the successor agreement by December 17, 2013, providing the Commission with at least 45 days to complete its review. Motion at 1. See *also* 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d)(1)(C). However, it also states that current negotiations will likely continue beyond December 17, 2013. *Id.* Due to the possibility of a gap between the expiration of the Existing Agreement and the effective date of the successor agreement, the Postal Service requests that the Commission extend the terms and conditions under the Existing Agreement and continue to list it in the Mail Classification Schedule, until February 28, 2014. *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue until February 28, 2014. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The United States Postal Service Motion for Temporary Relief, filed December 17, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue until February 28, 2014.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary